

Address of H. R. H. Prince
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The Governors, Corporation, Acting Principal and Fellows beg to offer Your Royal Highness a sincere and affectionate welcome to McGill University. They deeply appreciate the honour of Your Royal Highness' visit and the distinction you confer upon the University by graciously accepting its Honorary Degree. This memorable occasion naturally recalls to the minds of many who are present the honoured visit of our illustrious Sovereign to the University when, as Prince of Wales, he opened the Strathcona Medical Building in 1901.

The University feels that the time of Your Royal Highness' visit is most opportune in the history of the Empire. It has been remarked by an eminent historian that Great Britain seems, in the eighteenth century, to have acquired almost half the world in a fit of absence of mind. The potentiality of newly won possessions that then seemed too remote for real union remained long undiscerned. But now that potentiality is revealed and, again, a very distinct and growing feeling of Imperial nearness is replacing its opposite. The marvellous acceleration of travel has made more than ever available